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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. U.S. Patent No. 7,205,564 B2, issued April 17, 2007.
2. U.S. Patent No. 7,215,566 B2, issued May 8, 2007.
3. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0179601 A1, published

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4. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0156232 A1, published August 12, 2004.

None of the listed documents are being submitted herewith, since each is either a U.S. patent or U.S. patent publication. The corresponding U.S. Office Action, which cites such documents, was issued in related U.S. application No. 10/697,124 on June 4, 2007, and a copy is being submitted herewith.

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